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PATENT  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re US Patent Application of  
Thomas W. Astle  
Serial No. 09/198,018 —  
Filed: November 23, 1998 —  
Title: ULTRA HIGH THROUGHPUT  
BIOASSAY SCREENING SYSTEM

) Art Unit: 1743 —  
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) Examiner: P. Bex  
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) Date: August 2, 2002.

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington DC 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action, mailed April 2, 2002, and having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire July 2, 2002, extended to August 2, 2002, by petition filed herewith.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims as follows:

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